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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Cesar Quilodran,

Plaintiff,

-against-

764 Third Avenue Wine & Liquor Inc. et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER** 

## STEWART D. AARON, United States Magistrate Judge:

Pending before the Court is the parties' request to approve the settlement in this action in accordance with *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 199, 206 (2d Cir. 2015). (*See* 4/2/2025 Notice, ECF No. 32.) Having reviewed the parties' submission, it is hereby Ordered that, no later than Friday, April 11, 2025, the parties shall file a joint letter addressing the following:

- Clarifying the total amount of expenses. The parties' state that the expenses are a
  filing fee of \$405 and \$65 fee for service (see Notice at 5), but that the receipts
  submitted in Ex. C appear to contain an additional service-related expense of \$50.
  (Notice Ex. C, ECF No. 32-3.)
- 2. Clarifying the amounts due to Plaintiff and counsel. The parties assert that, of the \$31,000 settlement amount, Plaintiff will receive \$20,313.00, or two-thirds of the settlement after the deduction of expenses, and that Plaintiff's counsel will receive \$10,687.00, or one-third of the remaining amount plus reimbursement of expenses.
  (See Notice at 3, 5.) However, even if the current statement of expenses is correct (\$405 filing fee plus \$65 service fee for a total of \$470), these numbers do not appear to be correct. By the Court's calculation, Plaintiff would be entitled to two-thirds of

\$30,530 (\$31,000 minus \$470) which amounts to approximately \$20,353.33 and

counsel would be entitled to approximately \$10,176.66 plus \$470 in expenses, which

amounts to \$10,646.66. In short, the amounts calculated by the parties appear to be

off by approximately \$40. Including an additional expense of \$50 does not appear to

account for this discrepancy.

3. Plaintiff's counsel shall provide the Court with copies of the relevant retainer

agreements. (See Notice at 4.)

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

April 4, 2025

STEWART D. AARON

United States Magistrate Judge

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